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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) for the Ninth plan period;

(b) the quantum of loan disbursed from RMK to women in the country during the said period so far;

(c) whether the Government are suggesting fresh guidelines to States for the effective implementation of schemes under the RMK;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the achievements made so far in the improvement of living conditions of women after implementation of the schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Rs.46 crore.

(b) Rs.52.1 crore (1997-98 to 31.1.2001).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Upto 31.1.2001, a total of 3,93,345 women since inception, and 2,02,654 women during the Ninth Plan period alone, have been benefited under different schemes of the RMK.

An evaluation sponsored by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in 1997-98, through 7 independent institutes, based on the functioning of 14 NGOs, indicated some positive impacts of the loans on the borrowers but had also opined that the time since the borrowers have received Rashtriya Mahila Kosh loans has not been sufficiently long to look at the aspects of how the borrowers have utilized the income generated and how they have improved their own and their families' nutritional status, access to food, health, education and literacy efforts.

Department of Women and Child Development have commissioned a National level assessment of the impact of disbursement of loan on living conditions of women in March, 2000.